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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Official Action dated August 26, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the ABSTRACT previously filed with the following amended ABSTRACT:

A computer program and a computer for drafting a patent application including a template memory for storing and duplication standard headings and paragraphs of a patent and which interacts with other memories and processors to provide a structure and process to follow in preparing a patent application. An independent claim processor (12) duplicates an independent claim under the heading SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES and edits same into a grammatically correct sentence structure. A multiple claim processor (14) duplicates all of the claims under the heading DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT and edits same into grammatically correct